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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION

1. A CANA NEWS AGENCY STORY DATELINED, HAVANA,
ON PAGE TWO MARCH 25 TRINIDAD GUARDIAN REPORTS
U.S. CUBA FISHING RIGHTS DIALOGUE IN NEW YORK.
REPORT ADDS THAT BASKETBALL TEAM FROM SOUTH
DAKOTA EXPECTED TO MAKE VISIT EARLY APRIL.

2. OP-ED PAGE SAME EDITION OF GUARDIAN
REPORTS ON U.S.-BRAZIL PROBLEMS IN ARTICLE BY
SUE BRANFORD, OBSERVER FOREIGN NEWS SERVICE.
NEWS FEATURE CITES HUMAN RIGHTS, NUCLEAR POWER,
TRADE PROBLEMS, (COFFEE, SHOWS) AS REAL SOURCE
OF DISAGREEMENTS WHICH GO BACK MANY YEARS. BRANFORD
REPORTS HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE ONLY TRIGGERED LONG-TIME
RESENTMENT OF U.S. POLICIES.

3. REPORTING ON CANCELLATION OF 25-YEAR U.S.-
BRAZIL MILITARY AGREEMENT THE ARTICLE SAID,
"NONE OF THESE DRAMATIC GESTURES (RETURNING OF
HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT TO U.S. EMBASSY, CANCELLATION
OF MILITARY AGREEMENT) WILL HURT BRAZIL GREATLY.
WITH THE GROWING SOPHISTICATION AND INDEPENDENCE
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OF THE BRAZILIAN ARMED FORCES, DIRECT MILITARY
ASSISTANCE FROM THE U.S. HAS SLOWED DOWN TO A
TRICKLE. WORST HIT MAY WELL BE THE U.S. ARMS
MANUFACTURER FOR BRAZIL IS FAST BECOMING ONE
OF THE WORLD'S LEADING IMPORTERS OF MILITARY
EQUIPMENT..."

4. IN CONCLUDING PARAGRAPHS, ARTICLE SAYS,
"IN HIS ZEAL TO HALT THE PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR
ARMS, JIMMY CARTER HAS PICKED OUT THIS AGREEMENT
FOR PARTICULAR ATTACK..."

5. "BRAZILIAN RESENTMENT AT THE U.S. ATTEMPTS
TO WRECK THE DEAL IS VERY GREAT. PEOPLE HERE
BELIEVE THAT THE HUMAN RIGHT ISSUE WAS MERELY
A PRETEXT FOR THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT TO GIVE
VENT TO ITS RANCOUR..."
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